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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Pennsylvania during March 2005 totaled 944 million pounds, 5.4 percent above last March's production of 896 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 555,000 head, unchanged from February, but 5,000 less than March 2005.

Production per cow averaged 1,700 pounds in March, 150 pounds more than February's production per cow of 1,550 pounds and 100 pounds more than March 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during March 2006 totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent compared to production in these same states during March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 134 million pounds, 18.1 percent above February 2005 but 9.0 percent below January 2006. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 719 million pounds, 1.6 percent above February 2005 but 7.0 percent below January 2006. Italian type cheese production totaled 307 million pounds, up 1.9 percent from February 2005 but 6.4 percent below January 2006. American type cheese production totaled 303 million pounds, 3.3 percent above February 2005 but 6.7 percent below January 2006. Frozen desserts (comparisons with February 2005): ice cream, regular (hard) -- 62.9 million gallons, down 2.0 percent; ice cream, lowfat (total) -- 25.1 million gallons, down 10.6 percent; ice cream, nonfat (hard) -- 1.28 million gallons, down 20.8 percent; sherbet (hard) -- 4.24 million gallons, up 3.0 percent; frozen yogurt (total) -- 4.62 million gallons, up 3.7 percent.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter.....	6,464	7,930	5,974
Ice Cream.....	2,980	1,933	2,314
UNITED STATES			
Butter.....	113,492	147,251	133,996
Cheese:			
American Types	293,137	324,545	302,764
Swiss	21,902	26,154	24,446
Brick and Muenster.....	5,235	8,143	7,712
Cream and Neufchatel	51,909	54,300	46,214
Mozzarella	239,290	259,574	242,545
Other Italian.....	62,498	68,741	64,849
Total Italian Types	301,788	328,315	307,394
All Other.....	20,191	17,357	16,363
Total.....	707,365	772,337	718,576
NF Dry Milk, Human	94,334	107,254	117,106
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	237,598	252,353	238,249
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	64,240	61,826	62,925
Ice Cream, Lowfat	28,083	25,444	25,115
Ice Cream, Nonfat	1,619	1,330	1,282
Sherbet, Hard	4,116	3,893	4,239
Frozen Yogurt, Total.....	4,457	4,131	4,622
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	34,755	34,385	34,511
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat.....	15,547	14,056	13,883
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat.....	1,147	867	850
Sherbet Mix	2,806	2,994	3,182
Yogurt Mix	2,622	2,430	2,719

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006
Milk Cows.....	Thous.	560	555	555	8,099	8,206	8,223
Milk Per Cow.....	Lbs.	1,600	1,550	1,700	1,707	1,587	1,773
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	896	860	944	13,825	13,022	14,579

Pennsylvania: Corn for Grain - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2005 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	28,600	24,800	131	3,248,800	
Allegheny	1,600	800	98.5	78,800	
Armstrong	14,000	10,800	80	864,000	
Beaver	4,600	3,400	104	353,600	
Bedford	36,000	22,400	90.6	2,029,500	
Berks	53,000	43,600	110	4,796,000	
Blair	32,200	19,600	140.1	2,746,200	
Bradford	29,200	16,500	145	2,392,200	
Bucks	15,400	13,500	111	1,498,500	
Butler	18,400	13,800	103	1,421,400	
Cambria	12,100	9,400	153	1,438,200	
Cameron	300	200	140	28,000	
Carbon	3,100	2,700	77.7	209,800	
Centre	27,200	21,000	110	2,310,000	
Chester	37,000	25,000	162	4,050,000	D
Clarion	11,000	7,700	101	777,700	A
Clearfield	4,100	3,100	96.2	298,200	T
Clinton	10,400	7,400	112	828,800	A
Columbia	17,900	16,800	105	1,764,000	
Crawford	29,400	21,800	123	2,681,400	N
Cumberland	41,000	30,300	130	3,939,000	O
Dauphin	20,400	19,100	105	2,005,500	T
Delaware	1,000	800	149.4	119,500	
Elk	1,200	700	122	85,400	Y
Erie	24,000	18,000	133	2,394,000	E
Fayette	11,000	8,200	81.5	668,300	T
Forest	600	500	146	73,000	
Franklin	72,500	45,900	108	4,957,200	A
Fulton	16,500	9,700	95	921,500	V
Greene	1,400	700	85.6	59,900	A
Huntingdon	28,300	20,100	80	1,608,000	I
Indiana	23,400	18,900	111	2,097,900	L
Jefferson	6,900	4,100	115	471,500	A
Juniata	21,000	15,900	105	1,669,500	B
Lackawanna	1,600	600	120	72,000	L
Lancaster	175,900	87,000	162.5	14,138,000	E
Lawrence	15,700	12,300	107.9	1,326,900	
Lebanon	46,100	30,500	165	5,032,500	
Lehigh	25,400	22,000	109	2,398,000	
Luzerne	8,600	6,400	80	512,000	
Lycoming	25,000	17,900	116	2,076,400	
McKean	1,800	900	131	117,900	
Mercer	38,500	27,600	120	3,312,000	
Mifflin	20,500	13,900	126	1,751,400	
Monroe	2,800	2,600	110.7	287,800	
Montgomery	11,600	8,600	95	817,000	
Montour	7,100	6,100	97.5	594,800	
Northampton	29,200	26,300	124.8	3,282,400	
Northumberland	32,700	30,100	99	2,979,900	
Perry	23,700	17,100	119	2,034,900	
Pike	1,300	1,000	125	125,000	
Potter	7,300	5,100	125	637,500	
Schuylkill	19,600	18,000	91	1,638,000	
Snyder	15,400	12,700	119	1,511,300	
Somerset	27,300	14,300	113.5	1,623,000	
Sullivan	3,400	3,000	95.6	286,800	
Susquehanna	6,100	3,000	100	300,000	
Tioga	14,400	4,300	105	451,500	
Union	11,400	9,100	91	828,100	
Venango	7,000	5,000	125.9	629,600	
Warren	5,500	3,600	110	396,000	
Washington	8,700	5,500	85.5	470,000	
Wayne	2,700	600	120	72,000	
Westmoreland	19,000	15,500	89	1,379,500	
Wyoming	6,600	5,300	84.6	448,500	
York	73,400	66,900	160	10,704,000	
Northwestern	105,000	76,500	124	9,486,000	
North Central	93,000	56,000	123.3	6,904,500	
Northeastern	17,000	9,500	93.9	892,500	
West Central	94,000	71,000	103	7,313,000	
Central	274,000	214,000	110	23,540,000	
East Central	90,000	79,000	107	8,453,000	
Southwestern	69,000	45,000	95.1	4,279,500	
South Central	268,000	200,000	129	25,800,000	
Southeastern	340,000	209,000	145.7	30,451,500	
Pennsylvania	1,350,000	960,000	122	117,120,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties' for that specific district. The district map and county listing can be found on the inside back cover of this publication. ² Value of production based on preliminary State marketing year average price, released in the July **Agricultural Prices** report published by USDA, NASS.

Pennsylvania: Corn for Silage - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004-2005 ¹

County & District	2004				2005			
	Harvested for Silage	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²	Harvested for Silage	Yield	Production	Value of Production ³
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	2.700	17	45.900	1.239.300	3.800	18	68.400	
Allegheny	400	13.5	5.400	145.800	700	16.7	11.700	
Armstrong	2.700	18.5	50.000	1.350.000	3.000	16.5	49.500	
Beaver	1.800	15.6	28.100	758.700	1.200	15.5	18.600	
Bedford	15.900	17.8	283.000	7.641.000	13.600	14.5	197.300	
Berks	12.300	18.7	230.000	6.210.000	9.400	17.5	164.500	
Blair	14.900	21	312.900	8.448.300	12.600	20	252.000	
Bradford	16.100	17	274.500	7.411.500	12.700	16.6	210.800	
Bucks	1.700	15	25.500	688.500	1.600	16.6	26.500	
Butler	3.700	19	70.300	1.898.100	4.300	16.8	72.200	
Cambria	2.700	16	43.200	1.166.400	2.700	15.5	41.800	
Cameron	-	-	-	-	100	16	1.600	
Carbon	500	13.4	6.700	180.900	400	13	5.200	
Centre	6.800	18.5	125.900	3.399.300	6.200	14.5	89.900	
Chester	10.500	18.7	196.400	5.302.800	11.500	22	253.000	
Clarion	2.200	17.6	38.700	1.044.900	3.100	15.5	48.000	D
Clearfield	1.400	15.3	21.400	577.800	1.000	14.5	14.500	A
Clinton	3.500	19	66.500	1.795.500	3.000	17.2	51.600	T
Columbia	1.800	18	32.400	874.800	1.100	17	18.700	A
Crawford	6.500	19	123.500	3.334.500	6.500	18	117.000	
Cumberland	14.000	20.5	287.000	7.749.000	10.700	20	214.000	N
Dauphin	1.600	16.9	27.000	729.000	1.300	11.4	14.800	O
Delaware	-	-	-	-	200	19	3.800	T
Elk	700	13.6	9.500	256.500	500	14.6	7.300	
Erie	5.500	15.2	83.600	2.257.200	5.500	15	82.500	Y
Fayette	2.100	17.4	36.600	988.200	2.300	16.1	37.000	E
Forest	-	-	-	-	100	17	1.700	T
Franklin	33.100	20.5	679.200	18.338.400	26.600	18	478.800	
Fulton	7.400	17	125.800	3.396.600	6.800	15	102.000	A
Greene	800	15	12.000	324.000	700	16.1	11.300	V
Huntingdon	10.300	16.9	174.000	4.698.000	8.200	11.3	92.600	A
Indiana	2.900	21.6	62.600	1.690.200	4.300	20.1	86.300	I
Jefferson	2.200	19	41.800	1.128.600	2.700	17.5	47.200	L
Juniata	6.400	17	108.800	2.937.600	5.100	15	76.500	A
Lackawanna	1.200	14.5	17.400	469.800	1.000	9.5	9.500	B
Lancaster	84.000	18.7	1,570.900	42,414.300	86.700	20	1,734.000	L
Lawrence	3.000	20	60.000	1.620.000	3.400	18	61.200	E
Lebanon	17.000	17.2	292.400	7.894.800	15.600	19.9	310.000	
Lehigh	2.500	18	45.000	1.215.000	2.400	14	33.600	
Luzerne	1.500	14	21.000	567.000	2.200	15	33.000	
Lycoming	4.400	16.5	72.600	1.960.200	7.100	16.2	115.000	
McKean	900	14.4	13.000	351.000	900	19.6	17.600	
Mercer	8.200	18	147.600	3,985.200	9.900	17.5	173.300	
Mifflin	7.500	18	135.000	3,645.000	6.600	18.5	122.100	
Monroe	-	-	-	-	200	11	2.200	
Montgomery	2.500	16	40.000	1,080.000	3.000	18.4	55.200	
Montour	1.200	16.9	20.300	548.100	1.000	17	17.000	
Northampton	3.400	15.9	54.000	1,458.000	2.900	18	52.200	
Northumberland	4.100	18	73.800	1,992.600	2.600	15.5	40.300	
Perry	8.300	16.9	140.300	3,788.100	6.600	19.5	128.700	
Pike	-	-	-	-	300	16.7	5.000	
Potter	2.500	14	35.000	945.000	2.200	19.5	42.900	
Schuylkill	2.300	16	36.800	993.600	1.600	18	28.800	
Snyder	3.700	16.5	61.000	1,647.000	2.700	16	43.200	
Somerset	12.300	15	184.400	4,978.800	12.300	16.5	203.400	
Sullivan	500	16	8.000	216.000	400	17.5	7.000	
Susquehanna	3.800	13.5	51.300	1,385.100	3.100	15.4	47.800	
Tioga	8.900	14	124.600	3,364.200	10.100	17	171.700	
Union	2.300	16.5	38.000	1,026.000	2.300	16.5	37.900	
Venango	1.700	14.5	24.700	666.900	1.700	18.2	30.900	
Warren	1.600	17	27.200	734.400	1.800	17	30.600	
Washington	2.300	16.5	38.000	1,026.000	3.000	16.1	48.300	
Wayne	2.400	17.3	41.500	1,120.500	2.100	17.3	36.300	
Westmoreland	2.100	17.9	37.600	1,015.200	3.000	17.1	51.300	
Wyoming	1.600	15.5	24.800	669.600	1.300	13.8	17.900	
York	6.900	19	131.100	3,539.700	6.500	25.2	163.500	
East Central, Other Counties	300	15	4,500	121,500	-	-	-	
Northwestern	23.500	17.3	406.600	10,978.200	25.500	17.1	436.000	
North Central	37.500	16.1	603.700	16,299.900	37.000	16.9	625.500	
Northeastern	9.000	15	135.000	3,645.000	7.500	14.9	111.500	
West Central	18.500	19	351.500	9,490.500	22.000	17.4	383.000	
Central	73.000	18	1,314.000	35,478.000	60.000	16.5	990.000	
East Central	10.500	16	168.000	4,536.000	10.000	16	160.000	
Southwestern	20.000	15.7	314.000	8,478.000	22.000	16.5	363.000	
South Central	80.000	19.4	1,552.000	41,904.000	68.000	18	1,224.000	
Southeastern	128.000	18.4	2,355.200	63,590.400	128.000	19.9	2,547.000	
Pennsylvania	400,000	18	7,200,000	194,400,000	380,000	18	6,840,000	

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2006 VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING INTENTIONS

Processors in Pennsylvania intend to contract the same number of acres of snap beans in 2006. Snap bean processors intend to contract 8,900 acres of snap beans in 2006, unchanged from the number of acres contracted in 2005.

United States' processors plan to contract 1.22 million acres of vegetables in 2006 for the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes), virtually unchanged from last year. Contracted acreage decreases are forecast for snap beans and sweet corn, while cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes show increases. Freezing firms expect to contract 378,150 acres, up 3 percent from last year. Acreage for sweet corn is up 9 percent. Green pea acreage is down 3 percent, while snap bean acreage for freezing is virtually unchanged from last year. Canneries contracted for 846,580 acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Acreage increased 6 percent for cucumbers for pickles, 9 percent for green peas, and 10 percent for tomatoes, while acreage decreased 11 percent for snap beans and 15 percent for sweet corn.



County estimates for 2005 can now be found online for barley, oats, wheat, corn, soybeans and sorghum. Check out NASS's homepage at www.usda.gov/nass/ Click on 'QuickSTATS'

PROCESSING VEGETABLES

Crop	Area Planted			
	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract Intentions
		Total	Contract	
	Acres			
Pennsylvania				
Snap Beans	14,000	9,900	8,900	8,900
Sweet Corn	1,700	1,300	1,300	¹
United States				
Snap Beans	210,010	216,930	213,330	196,330
Sweet Corn	412,700	421,610	421,010	399,900

¹ 2006 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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